

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES DUE TO CANCELLATION OF IA FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Airlines (IA) is continuously running in loss ;
- (b) if so, the details of income-expenditure for the last three years as on date and the major reasons for loss;
- (c) whether flights of Indian Airlines have been cancelled to mitigate the loss;
- (d) if so, the names of the flights cancelled and the dates of cancellation and the details of the savings made due to the above; and
- (e) the number of international flights cancelled or curtailed, the dates of cancellation and curtailment and the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) : No, sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines had withdrawn its services on Mumbai-Pune sector in March, 2006 and on Kolkata-Dhaka sector in February, 2007 due to poor load factor. Based on the then prevailing input costs, revenue yields and traffic load the operations on these two sectors were making cash losses estimated at Rs.10 Lac per month.

(e) : The information is as under:

Kolkata-Dhaka sector flight was withdrawn w.e.f. 26.2.2007 and was replaced with code-shared operations with GMG Airlines of Bangladesh.

Once weekly flight on Chennai-Trivandrum-Sharjah-Kuwait and vice-versa route was restructured to operate as Chennai-Trivandrum-Sharjah and vice-versa w.e.f. 07.2.2007 due to poor loads.

Operations on Delhi-Lahore route were reduced from two flights/week to one flight/week w.e.f. 28.8.2006 due to poor demand.

Twice weekly flight on Bangalore-Bangkok route were restructured w.e.f. 19.6.2006 to increase operations on Chennai-Bangkok route.

Twice weekly flight on Jaipur-Delhi-Bangkok-Kuala Lumpur and vice-versa route were restructured to operate Delhi-Bangkok-Kuala Lumpur and vice-versa flight w.e.f. 15.7.2006.